

Application No.: 09/784,087
Amendment dated July 8, 2004
Reply to non-final Office Action dated April 8, 2004

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REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the present application. The non-final Office Action dated April 8, 2004 has been received and its content carefully reviewed.

By this Response Applicants have amended claims 1, 3 and 4. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-5, 21 and 22 are pending in the application with claims 3-5, 21 and 22 being allowed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection based upon the above amendments and following remarks are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,825,449, issued to Shin. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection because Shin fails to teach or suggest each and every structural feature recited in at least claim 1 of the present application. For example, Shin fails to teach or suggest a liquid crystal display device that includes:

“...a pixel electrode electrically connected to the drain electrode and in direct contact with the substrate; ...and a gate pad electrode at one end of the gate line, wherein the gate pad electrode is formed of a same material and in a same layer as the pixel electrode in a single layer in direct contact over the first insulating layer, wherein the first insulating layer includes an opening that exposes a portion of the gate pad, and wherein the gate pad electrode electrically contacts the exposed portion of the gate pad and overlaps the first insulating layer” as recited in independent claim 1 of present application.

Accordingly, claim 1 and its dependent claim 2 are allowable over Shin. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If the Examiner deems that a telephone conversation would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 496-7500.

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